**Restructuring of Employment Exchanges**

253. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to restructure the Employment Exchanges with a view to providing jobs to the unemployed youth of the country;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to reduce the number of unemployed youth;

(c) whether Government have introduced a scheme under which Employment Exchange personnel would be trained for giving vocational guidance to the youth; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Employment Exchanges do not create jobs. They are one amongst several agencies through which placement of unemployed are effected against vacancies notified. Continuous efforts are made to improve the functioning of Employment Exchanges in the country. One such recent effort in this direction is the advice to State Governments|Union Territories to computerise the operations of Employment Exchanges. Under a centrally sponsored scheme, Central assistance is also provided on a matching basis to the State Governments|Union Territories for computerisation of Employment Exchanges.

(b) Steps to reduce unemployment are given in the Seventh Five Year Plan document.

(c) and (d) Training in vocational guidance is part of the normal training imparted to the Employment Exchange personnel.

**Development of Tourist Potential of National Parks**

254. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Parks with details of budget provision for their development during the current financial year;

(b) the details of the master plan prepared for the development of tourist of the Tadoba National Park in Chandrapur, Maharashtra; and

(c) the details of the programmes to be taken up in a phased manner and by when the work is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) There are 60 National Parks in the country and a sum of Rs. 130 lakhs has been allocated for their development in 1987-88.

(b) Government of India has no plan for development of tourist potential of the Tadoba National Park in Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

(c) Does not arise.

**Unorganised Workers**

255. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of unorganised workers in the country; and

(b) the steps being taken for their welfare and to bring them into the organised sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR